

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2663 - SB 2819

February 4, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a special committee to study the establishment of an occupational course of study for special education students who need a modified curriculum that focuses on employment preparation, post-secondary education, and independent living. Directs the committee to review post-secondary outcomes for special education students under current diploma and certificate options; to review current challenges to providing students with disabilities an education that enhances their ability to get and keep jobs, participate in post-secondary education, and live independently; review federal and state laws and programs that impact the development of such an occupational course of study; and to review current occupational courses in other states. Requires the committee to seek input from a variety of stakeholders. The committee shall consist of fifteen members including one member each from the House and Senate Education Committees; a representative of the State Board of Education; a representative from the Department of Education, Division of Special Education; a representative from the Department of Human Resources, Vocational Rehabilitation Services; a member from a local education agency appointed by the Tennessee Association of Secondary School Principals; an LEA special education administrator appointed by the Tennessee Association for Administrators in Special Education; an educator who provides transition services to special education students appointed by the Tennessee Education Association; a representative of the Tennessee School Boards Association; two parents of students with disabilities appointed by the Disability Coalition on Education; one member from Arc of Tennessee; one member from the Disability Law and Advocacy Center of Tennessee; a member from the Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities; a representative of the Disability Coalition on Education; and one member from the Next Steps post-secondary program at Vanderbilt University. Requires the committee to report its findings and recommendations to the Education Committees of the General Assembly by January 8, 2013, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,100/Each One-Day Meeting

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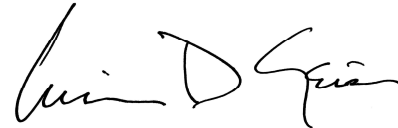
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Assumptions:

- Travel and per diem expenses for two legislative members of \$599.92 (\$173 per diem + \$126.96 mileage for each member).
- Meetings will be held in Nashville.
- According to the Department of Education, the average increase in state expenditures for each one-day meeting for a committee of this type is \$1,500 for travel, per diem and meeting materials. This amount does not include legislative per diem and mileage.
- The total increase in state expenditures will be \$2,100 per meeting (\$1,500 + \$600).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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